

**CITY OF RENO POET LAUREATE
2021-2023**

NOMINATION GUIDELINES

The City of Reno is now seeking candidates to serve as the honorary City of Reno Poet Laureate, the mission of which is to promote poetry as both an art form and a means of inspirational public commentary.

BACKGROUND

The position of City of Reno Poet Laureate was established in 2014 by the Reno City Council.

REQUIREMENTS OF NOMINEES

To be considered, a poet must be a Reno resident and be available to present public activities throughout the year. A poet may be self or other nominated.

SELECTION PROCESS

The selection process will be facilitated by the Reno Arts and Culture Commission (RACC). The selection committee will be comprised of two published Nevada writers, one present or former poet laureate, if available, and the RACC, facilitated by a staff liaison. The committee will use the criteria of distinguished achievements, quality of work, and ability to advance poetry in the public domain. The Reno City Council will make the final selection based on the recommendation of the RACC.

REQUIREMENTS OF THE POSITION

The Poet Laureate will meet with the Chair and Vice Chair of the RACC to outline their preference of activities during the two-year term. Examples include a residency in a school, regular office hours at a public location, or creation of an original piece in collaboration with the community. As the mission of the position is to present and advance poetry in the public domain, the Poet Laureate must be able and willing to participate in various public gatherings and educational settings throughout his or her term. The poet laureate will work directly with the staff liaison of the City Manager's Office.

LENGTH OF TERM

The term of City of Reno Poet Laureate is two years. Funding from the Reno Arts and Culture Commission will provide a \$1,000 honorarium, per year, to support a minimum of four (4) public engagements each year by the Poet Laureate on behalf of the City. The term will be from July 2021 – June 2023.

TO MAKE A NOMINATION

Please submit the following in PDF format via Submittable:

- Publication or Performance Credits
Anthologies – include title, publisher, editor, date of publication and poem titles
Chapbooks/Books – include title, publisher and date of publication

Journals/Magazines – include title, volume and number, date of publication and poem titles

Performances – proof of participation in performances with local or national poetry organizations. Include a copy of program from event or web page.

NOTE: Do not include: prose writing, vanity press publication or any self-published work, non-print (on-line) publication, and works appearing in publications for which you served as editor. We are seeking quality, not quantity of writing.

- List of accomplishments and contributions to poetry at large (2 page maximum) (This could include related professional or volunteer work, awards and honors)
- 2-3 letters of recommendation
- One Page Artist Statement/Vision of the Role of Reno Poet Laureate and how the nominee would fulfill this role.
- NOTE: Finalists may be asked for samples or copies of their published work or to present to the RACC during an interview.

DEADLINE

Please submit a completed application by 11:59 p.m., Friday, April 30, 2021 via [Submittable](#):

<https://cityofrenoartsandculturecommission.submittable.com/submit/189255/city-of-reno-poet-laureate-2021-2023>